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STATEWIDE INTEROPERABLE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

Wednesday, June 28, 2006

The Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee (SIEC) met on Wednesday, June 28, 2006, at the Bon Carré Conference Center, Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Committee Chair Michael Abbiatti called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m. The roll was called by Ms. Diane Didier, Support Staff for the Committee, and a quorum was established.

Committee Members Present:

Michael Abbiatti (Chair)

Rizwan Ahmed (Vice-Chair)

Chief Robert Black

Lt. Colonel Joey Booth

John Butterick (Representative)

Arnold Chauviere

Eric Deroche

Joe Drago

Chief Freddy Drennan

Sheriff Ricky Edwards (Designee)

Matt Farlow (Representative)

Colonel Kenneth Hughes

Heywood Jeffers (Designee)

Curry Johnson (Representative)

Representative Daniel Martiny

Camille Sebashien Perry (Representative)

Pat Potier (Designee)

Michael Ranatza

Colonel Eric Sivula

Tommy Thiebaud

Colonel Henry Whitehorn

Representing Agency:

LA Broadband Advisory Council/

LA Board of Regents

Division of Administration &

Office of Information Technology

LA Fire Chief's Association

Dept. of Public Safety/LA State Police

Regional Parish Homeland Security &

Emergency Preparedness Directors

Committee & Region 5 Calcasieu OHSEP

LA Public Service Commission

Region 3 Assumption/St. James OHSEP

Dept. of Transportation/Development

Police Chief's Association

LA Sheriff's Association

GOHSEP

Region 1 Plaquemines OHSEP

LA Senate Select Committee on

Homeland Security

LA House of Representatives Special

Committee on LA Homeland Security

LA House of Representatives Committee

on Administration of Criminal Justice

LA State Senate Judiciary B Committee

Dept. of Health & Hospitals

LA Commission on Law Enforcement

Dept. of Public Safety/Corrections Services

Region 9 Washington OHSEP

Dept. of Public Safety/LA State Police

Committee Members Absent:

Sandy Davis
Sonya Wiley-Gremillion
JoAnne Moreau
Lt. Colonel Brian Spillman

Representing Agency:

Region 7 Caddo/Bossier OHSEP
Region 6 Rapides OHSEP
Region 2 East Baton Rouge OHSEP
Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries

Support Staff Present:

Diane Didier (LA Board of Regents)

**Guest List
See Appendix**

III. Approval of the Minutes of June 21, 2006

Mr. Michael Abbiatti, Chair, asked for a motion to approve the June 21, 2006 minutes.

**On motion of Chief Freddy Drennan, seconded by Mr. Eric Deroche,
the Committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of June 21,
2006.**

IV. Special Presentations

Mr. Abbiatti introduced Mr. Stan Unruh from Motorola to give an overview of the Motorola radio system that the state is currently using. Mr. Abbiatti then introduced Mr. Matt Farlow representing Governor's Office Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness. Mr. Farlow made comments regarding the MyStateUSA Initiative and introduced Ms. Claudia Bitner, Mr. Rick Williams, and Mr. Don Barrett from MyStateUSA. Ms. Bitner gave a presentation on the interoperable communications system by MyStateUSA. Ms. Bitner answered questions asked by the Committee members.

V. Sub-Committee Progress Reports

Mr. Abbiatti asked Lt. Colonel Joey Booth give his report for the Communications Infrastructure Assessment Sub-Committee. Lt. Colonel Booth distributed two (2) hand outs to the Committee regarding a survey and equipment and costs. There was discussion regarding the first hand out – Louisiana Totally Interoperable Environment Needs

Assessment survey and the second hand out – Office of State Police, 800MHz Statewide Communications Program, FY 04-05 Expenditures. Mr. Abbiatti asked Lt. Colonel Booth about what kind of action he wanted from the group. Lt. Colonel Booth suggested to contact the current license holders relative to changes proposed in the statewide radio initiative. There was further discussion to find some way to receive good, clear data from all the State agencies and Region working groups for the Assessment survey. Another suggestion was to work with Talk groups to come up with a plan to collect clear and accurate data for the interoperable communications system. Mr. Abbiatti recommended to bring these issues to the next SIEC meeting of the four (4) Sub-Committee Chairs on Wednesday, July 12, 2006.

Mr. Abbiatti requested the report from the Technology Sub-Committee Chair, Chief Robert Black. Chief Black indicated that they will look over the survey regarding the equipment and costs as discussed in the Assessment Sub-Committee. Mr. Abbiatti also mentioned to Chief Black to move forward in hosting and interoperable workshop as discussed in the last SIEC meeting, June 21st, and for the Committee members to send any ideas, technologies, etc. to Chief Black.

Mr. Rizwan Ahmend asked Chief Black if the P 25 system is the standard for the State. Chief Black commented that it is the long term goal to have the system in place, but need to find available funding. There was further discussion for the SIEC to have the compliant P 25 system as a mandatory communication system for the State, including small agencies. Mr. Heywood Jeffers indicated that NIMS has grant money for funding system. Mr. Abbiatti asked the group if we need to change the language of the motion of P 25 from the last SIEC meeting. Chief Black suggested to acquire the funding before changing the language of the motion to make the P 25 system mandatory statewide. Mr. Abbiatti suggested to submit information regarding the P 25 system to Mr. Ahmed, Office of Information Technology for further investigation.

Mr. Abbiatti reported on the Funding and Finance Sub-Committee. He reported that the group is working on different funding sources for projects for the statewide interoperable communications system. He also stated that there is no money for the SIEC at the time. There was further discussion from the group regarding funding issues. Mr. Abbiatti

mentioned that the he will discuss the FY2006 funds at the next SIEC Sub-Committee Chairs meeting next Wednesday, July 5, 2006.

Mr. Abbiatti moved to the Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee and commented that Ms. Susan Severance, Chair for the Policy and Procedures Sub-Committee was not available for today's meeting, however, Ms. Severance submitted her report to Mr. Abbiatti and a copy of the report was in the SIEC meeting packet. Lt. Colonel Booth went over the Draft – Proposed Definition of the First Responder document also included in the SIEC packet. Comments were made to add Shelter Operations to the list of first responders and to spell out the list of response volunteers in the proposed document.

After further discussion,

On motion of Mr. Tommy Thiebaud, seconded by Mr. Eric Deroche, the Committee voted unanimously to accept the recommendation to accept the Definition of First Responder as users of the system.

Lt. Colonel Booth gave an overview of the Draft of By-Laws of the Statewide Interoperable Communication System Executive Committee, also included in the SIEC packet. He mentioned about adopting the By-Laws by July, 2006. There was discussion on the language of the Number and Qualifications, Quorum, and Removal of Appointed Member. Lt. Colonel Booth stated that he and Ms. Severance will revise the language of the items as discussed in the meeting.

VI. Old Business

No old business was reported.

VII. New Business

Chief Black reported that the Louisiana State Fireman's Association will be holding an annual Conference, August 10-12, 2006 at the Hotel InterContinental in New Orleans and asked that someone from this Committee present at short presentation in one of their seminars on Friday, August 11th. Mr. Abbiatti suggested that Chief Black represent the SIEC at the Conference.

VIII. Public Comments

No public comments were made.

IX. Adjournment

In the absence of further business, Chair Abbiatti adjourned the Statewide Interoperable Executive Committee meeting at 4:20 p.m.

**APPENDIX
GUEST LIST
June 28, 2006**

NAME

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Anthony Summers
Jan Rodrigue
Robert Hale
Christina Dayries
Rodney Hoyt
Don Barrett
Claudia Bitner
Rick Williams
Robert Scott
Armaan Anding
Ras Iyer
Stan Unruh
Chuck Cassard
Robert Jacobs
Richard McDonald
Michael Murphy

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